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1. The permanent camp of a Soviet tank unit is located 150 meters south-west of Wittenberg, at a distance of 80 meters from the Hohenzollern Canal. Just west of the few houses which constitute the village of Wittenberg, a sign indicates that the adjoining pine forest is a restricted area. The camp itself is protected by a ring of barbed wire, with access provided by a deeply furrowed country lane. The soil has been graded, and trenches have been dug inside the compound. Eleven wooden huts, situated in the south part of the camp, serve as billets for officers and men.

2. At the time of observation, 17 well-camouflaged tanks were seen standing under the trees and in the trenches. Fifteen tanks were identified as T-34 types, with the remaining two appearing to be modified Joseph Stalin models. Five officers and 120 enlisted men were observed, apparently engaged in radar training and map reading practice. The men wore Soviet field uniforms which had no collar patches or insignia, and short pants and fatigue hats. Morale seemed to be high. Neither guards nor vehicles were observed.

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